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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TAKAYUKI SAKAKIBARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: WILLIAMS, T.J.  
SERIAL NO: 10/581,972 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 26, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3657  
FOR: SPRING WITH HIGH DURABILITY :  
AND METHOD OF COATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed April 7, 2009, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II: Claims 5-13 drawn to a method of coating a spring.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group I, Claims 1-4, if the elected Group II claims are found allowable.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.